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SUBJECT: CONTINUING RUMORS OF IMPENDING GUERRILLA

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1. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF POSSIBLE ARMED ACTION AGAINST ANGOLA. REPORTS ARE UNCONFIRMED BUT RAMPANT AMONG NERVOUS MEMBERS OF SHABA PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY. ALLEGEDLY HAVE THEIR SOURCES IN WELL INFORMED LUNDA CIRCLES. PRESENT SCENARIO POINTS THREE ACTIONS ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 17 AT POINTS APPROXIMATELY WEST OF KAPANGA AND SANDOA PLUS A THIRD AGAINST NORTHEAST CORNER OF ANGOLAN SALIENT INTO ZAMBIA, SOUTHWEST OF LOLWEZI.

2. ATTACK AT ZAIRE-ZAMBIA-ANGOLAN CORNER WOULD REPORTEDLY BE IN FACE OF UP TO 5,000 EX-KATANGAN

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GENDARMES RESIDENT IN SALIENT, TRAINED AND SUPPORTED

AS PART OF PORTUGUESE FORCES THERE.

3. ALLEGEDLY LUNDA LEADERS HAVE ALREADY TIPPED OFF LUNDAS IN AFFECTED AREAS SO AS TO MINIMIZE LUNDA CASUALTIES IN ANY SUCH ATTACKS.

4. REPORTEDLY UP TO 900 ANGOLANS ARE IN TRAINING AT CAMP CLOSE TO NZILO DAM OUTSIDE KOLWEZI BUT SUFFERING RAPID DESERTIONS AS REPUTED DAY OF ATTACK NEARS. STORIES ALSO ALLEGE THAT TWO AIRCRAFT, OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY, TO BE "MADE AVAILABLE" TO SUPPORT GUERRILLA ACTIONS.

5. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO CHECK THESE RUMORS WHICH SO FAR HAVE NOT VISIBLE MEANS SUPPORT, BUT SUBJECT IS OBVIOUSLY VERY SENSITIVE. IN MEANTIME WE SPECULATE RUMORS HAVE BEEN FURTHER FANNED BY MOST RECENT LOCAL GOZ ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS PORTUGUESE. SHABA C.N.D., CONTINUING CENSUS OF PORTUGUESE SUBJECTS, HAS DEMANDED OF MANY OR ALL MAJOR EMPLOYERS HERE INFORMATION OF NAMES, FAMILY COMPOSITION, DATES OF EMPLOYMENT, FUNCTIONS EXERCISED AND ADDRESS OF ALL PORTUGUESE EMPLOYED BY THESE FIRMS. AUTHORITIES MOREOVER HAVE PROHIBITED ALL IMPORTS OF ANGOLAN ORIGIN, INCLUDING FISH, SALT, FLOUR AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

6. PAKISTANIS INCLUDED IN CENSUS PROCESS PER PARA 5 ABOVE, RESULTING IN RUMORS TOMORROW'S PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS WILL ANNOUNCE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS OR EVEN EXPULSION. JUNIOR

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